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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 have been allowed.

In response to a March 18, 2004 telephone call from the Examiner, applicants submit this supplemental amendment. As suggested by the Examiner to overcome double patenting, Applicants have canceled each embodiment where R^1 and R^2 is $-(CH_2)_a$ -OH in claim 19; where W^5 and X^5 are $-C((CH_2)_aOH)_2$ and $-C((CH_2)_aCO_2H)_2$ in claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 19, and 20; and amended claims 3, 6, and 20 to recite that W^5 and X^5 are $-C(CH_3)_2$.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned if applicants' understanding is incorrect.

CONCLUSION

Applicants do not believe any fee is due with this submission, however, the Examiner is authorized to charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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